

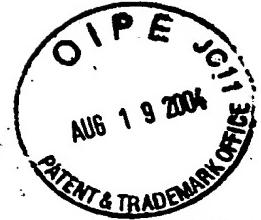
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 17, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the **final** Office action dated May 17, 2004. A response is due on August 17, 2004. This paper is timely filed and no fees are believed to be due. Pursuant to discussions with the Examiner on August 10, 2004, Applicants believe the following amendments will be entered into the record by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specification. There are **no** amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.